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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to Japanese Patent No. 2951818, a copy of which is enclosed and which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This Japanese patent was cited in the specification, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. A search of public databases indicates that there are nearly 200 published applications that correspond to the above-cited document. One such counterpart publication is U.S. Patent 6,012,808 (Koitabashi), which is already of record in this case. An earlier published counterpart from the United States is U.S. Patent 5,509,140.

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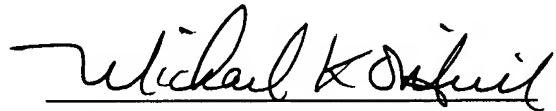
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This latter patent is listed on the attached form PTO-1449, simply for the sake of citing an earlier document.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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